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Club Night is the first Thursday of every month
We meet at the *The Greyhound Inn*, 25 Melton Road,
Burton on the Wolds, LE12 5AG.

We meet *from 7.30pm* followed by the Chairman's input at 8.00pm

For further details see the club website www.loughboroughlrc.co.uk or contact Tim – details on committee members page.



Catt's Chat

Ok so has any one noticed that we have not had a Rattler since May last year?

Apologies to those who did notice but with a busy show season, family events, selling the house and starting a new job last year just flew by. So this issue is a bumper issue covering events since May as well as the end of year awards. This is also the last issue which I will be 'editing' since we have even more planned as a family this year with finally moving house and having a baby (of the four legged expensive type), plus I was only ever going to do a couple of issues 10 issues ago!!! Due to this we are looking for someone to take over the editing in order for it to continue as a quarterly issue. If you are interested please talk to either myself or Tim.

Any way I hope you enjoy a look back at last summer and it gives you something to look forward to during the last few dark nights of winter before the clocks change again ②. You will also find an up to date club calendar in the normal Rattler section, which includes a couple of new events as well as the usual's, so you have no excuse to miss events (this include the dinner to celebrate the event which must not be named). As always it is nice to welcome both new and old faces to as many events as possible throughout the year so please try to support events where ever possible.

Have fun, stay safe & try not to lose your squirrel.



Timmy Talk



Chairman's Report on 2018

Plans for 2018

2018 will see the club continue to support charities both local and national, including CRUK, C4H and the British Legion. Attendable local and national shows. Running green-lane events and visit more 'Pay n' Play' events.

Looking back on 2018

Once again 2018 has been both a busy yet challenging year for the club in a number of ways.

We have continued to support the Convoy for Heroes event by marshalling of the staging area and the convoy itself. Numbers attending the actual convoy were again down on previous years, this largely being due to the late announcement of the venue for 2018's event. Whilst the new venue was far from ideal I am pleased to say that we managed to put together a much praised route which nearly all the participants enjoyed. You can't please everyone.

Our involvement with Cancer Research UK has once again increased. We have marshalled and helped with course set-up at many of the 'Race for Life' and 'Pretty Muddy' events but also been involved in the night walks in Leicester City centre. Our ladies have again subjected themselves to the delights of the 'Pretty Muddy' event at Prestwold Hall and lived to tell the tale without too many injuries I believe.

Closer to home we have increased our involvement with the team from Wicked Hathern and the two major events that they organise? Wicked Hathern Fest and the Hathern Fireworks display. With the cancellation of other local displays the attendance figures were up on previous years yet we managed to get every vehicle on site and not block the A6 in the process. Thanks to all of you who gave up their time to support these events.



Remaining local the club has also assisted the Royal British Legion and Leicestershire and Rutland 4x4 Response with a number of their events during the year. These have included the Remembrance Day parades in Ibstock, Quorn and Loughborough.

The 2018 show calendar was certainly busy with the big national shows having settled into their new homes and dates. Gaydon was returning to its old status as a Land Rover Show and not just a heritage event so in some ways was the most changed. Billing and Kelmarsh are still proving difficult as they required 3 day attendance, making putting on a stand tricky. Peterborough was well attended and we had a great pitch with lots of variety, including a very nice Series 2a 88. It is a shame that Dave Green had so much trouble with the wildlife though. Locally we have attended the Loughborough 'Cruisers' show, Ibstock and Beaumanor Hall. It is, at this point, time for me to announce that despite terrible conditions and 'fierce' competition we did, at last, manage to scoop 'Best Club Display' with our 'Festive' themed stand. During the summer months we held various Greenlane days both locally and further afield. Despite strong interest in greenlaning actual participation has been sporadic. On more than one occasion there has only been one vehicle present besides the trip leader, so either we are doing something wrong or the calendar is too full. Feedback is, as always, welcome. On the social side of things we have had treasure hunts, skittles nights and I'm sure numerous spur of the moment get togethers that this club does very well.

From a numbers point of view 2018 has been a mixed year. Actual membership has decreased compared to 2017 from 64 to 59 yet Facebook membership now exceeds 300. All committee roles remain unchanged for 2019. Should you have any issues which you would like to discuss with the committee you always welcome to attend a meeting with prior arrangement. 2018 has been a solid year for the club. New arrivals of both the human and vehicle kind have kept many of us busy but the 'family atmosphere' that this club generates has stayed as strong as it always is. All you have to do is ask and provide bacon and cake.

Plans for 2019

In 2019 the hope is to bring more events that you want to see to the calendar. We will continue to support our chosen charities, attend shows both local and national, expand our ties with other organisations to allow us access to new events and experiences and generally keep you and your vehicle occupied for the year ahead.

Finally, as always, I would like to thank all of you for you continued support of the club and I especially need to thank all of the committee for all their efforts and support in making the club the success that is. Thank you.



Good Bye





It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of one of our Club members; David Backhouse lost his fight with Cancer on January 5th surrounded by his family. David had been a long serving member of the club and spent several years as our Charity coordinator on the Committee, widely recognised as driver (although not owner) of Florence the military 101.

To show the clubs support to the Backhouse family, as well as saying good bye in our own way, a 35 plus truck procession followed David on his final journey, Land Rover style. Made up of current, new, old and even non-members it surely was a sight to be seen. I am sure David would have been honoured, and shocked, to have seen so many people there for him as well as his family. He will be very much missed by the club, and I'm sure we will never have another member like him.

In honour of David this years Convoy 4 Heroes will have an extra lap which the club has been asked to lead. So even more so than every other year it really would be nice to see as many trucks the possible. This years event is Easter Sunday.

End of Year Awards - Most Expensive Repair

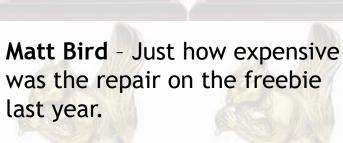




Dave Emery for repairing the turbo pitting in the compressor



Matt Bird





End of Year Awards - Most Altered Vehicle



Matt Bird - Turned his 110 back to 'normal'



Dave Emery, How many trucks did he have last year?

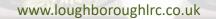
John Johnson - His truck had a face fit





John Johnson



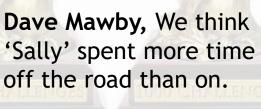


End of Year Awards - Most Time Off the Road





Dave Emery, Had been off the road since March, with no sign of a completion date. Although she did fire, did she ever make it back?







Dave Mawby



Ryan McIntyre, Does is still count if she was not on the road at the start of the year?



End of Year Awards - Most Recovered Vehicle



Andy Cox, Twice whist in France, and a couple more I'm sure.



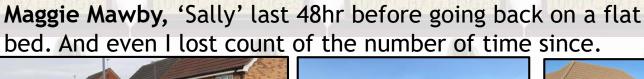
Dave Emery, That fuel tank 'leak' whilst been a couple of hours away from his tools. (This was another occasion on the same trip)



Maggie Mawby



Keiran Barker, Borrowing 'Molly' and breaking her all in one day











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End of Year Awards - Dipstick of the Year





Dave Emery, leaving your sunglasses on the bonnet when you drive off is possibly not the best idea

Tracey Hodgkiss, the incident with a Freebie belonging to Leicestershire and Rutland and a set of jump leads









Dave Green, Running out of tea bags and losing his squirrel at Peterborough



End of Year Awards - Dipstick of the Year



WINNER

Dave Green





Every page bar 3 if your wondering



End of Year Awards - Club Member of the Year

Jointly Mawby's, attended everything last year, they volunteered for everything, turned up even when their vehicle was off the road, showed extreme patience with club gear problems (Its took almost as long as winning the most time off road award), seen by the committee as very active and supportive in all aspects of the club. They won jointly as it is impossible to split due to their equal involvement in all club activities.



Dave & Maggie Mawby





Beaumanor Show - July

On a cold wet July Sunday the club once again pulled out all the stops on a Christmas Club Stand and a finally WON Best Club Stand. Something we have tried hard to do for a number of years. Its took Brussels, Cake and Santa but we finally did it, nothing to do with the low attendance from other clubs. Once again thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success.







Ibstock Show - August

The official line back from the show is... We went, we sat, we ate cake and we drank tea. Same again this year









Hathern - August & November

The club supported the local wicked Hathern team twice last year; once over a weekend of beer and music at Wicked Hathern Fest and again at the fire work display. The parking at the fire works was the smoothest we have ever managed to do it so thank you to all those who helped on the night. We have been asked to support both events again this year. (dates in the diary)







Rachel Bennett ► Loughborough Land Rover Club

4 November 2018 · 🖪



The cavalry arriving last night..... as always guys thank you so much for your help! Another great event which everyone got into quickly and safely and enjoyed! Circa 5300 people through the gate in less than 3 hours! Thanks 😬



As a way of saying Thank You to the club for all of our support last year the organisers of WHF have kindly donated £250 to a charity of our choice. This year in the club will be donating this to LOROS, as well as matching the donation.



CRUK



As ever during last year we support all four local CRUK events. It was said at the time of each that without our on going support with setting up, taking down and marshalling the events would struggle to be held. Once again during 2019 the club has been asked to support four of these events again. You will be pleased to know there is not a marathon at any event.

Back in May the club 'ladies' took part in the annual pretty muddy event both the 5 and 10k 'races' which resulted in a pottery pony tail and some very muddy faces.











Remembrance Parades

Last year we where asked to support 4 local remembrance parades. We supported Loughborough, Quorn, Ellistown and Ibstock. Normally these pass without any event and we support the parade, pay our respects and leave. However, last year was slightly different and earned the owner of a certain 110 her nomination for last years DOTY!!! Its safe to say that when you don't use your truck that often its not a good idea to leave your beacon flashing all day and park close to a wall when your battery is under the passenger seat. It is likely to result in a recovery using a Freelander belonging to a member of Leicestershire and Rutland 4X4 response. That might take almost as long as a squirrel to live down.





CHRISTMAS MEAL!!!!!



December also saw the club take part in the Christmas Tree festival at Hathern. Thank you to everyone who helped to put the tree together.

As ever the Club Christmas Dinner of 2018 was held at the Greyhound and as ever good fun was had by all with some of us seeing last orders once again.

Thank you to every one who attended and the committee hope you had a good time. We just don't talk about the state of the chairs when we left, the naughty table strike again!!! We did apologise to Tina before we left.

On a side note we did manage to say hello to Dave's mum.





Great Days Out

Unfortunately last year saw very little Green Laning due to a number of reasons, however mainly due to low attendance.

This year we would like to do something about that. If you have somewhere you would like to go or a date when you are free please talk to Dave Emery our Green Lane Rep.

The days we did do included a wet but enjoyable weekend in Shropshire. As well as days out locally around Leicestershire.





Buzzing with enthusiasm, I needed to crack on with the bulkhead. I took it to work and stayed behind for a good few weeks in the evenings cutting out the tin worm and making new footwells, etc... buying a pair of door pillars with mounting legs. Once welded up the bulkhead was bright zinc plated, so should last a few years. Whilst the bulkhead was at work I would come home and clean the engine and gearbox with petrol and a toothbrush. I didn't have a pressure washer at this point.

To keep costs down I didn't rebuild the engine or gearbox. The engine is now ready for a full rebuild. I replaced and repaired everything I could on the gearbox without stripping it down. Once a new clutch was fitted it was married to the gearbox again. Bulkhead, engine and gearbox were now ready to be fitted to the chassis. Once fitted the front end sat far too high – the new springs on the front axle were diesel ones. I sold these and ordered Britpart petrol springs. Once fitted the thing still sat on the wonk but I assumed all would settle when used.

Next came the bodywork. To free up room in the garage the rear tub was first to be worked on. It was badly beaten and dented so a replacement was sourced from AMD in Merry Lees. The rear panels and the step were bent, dented and twisted. The tub had also been dropped on the front corners folding them underneath. I made a new rear step and rear panels at work and straightened the front corners the best I could. The three crossmembers on the underside of the tub were rotten too. I made repair sections, making them usable again.

My attention could now be spent on the front end and truck cab. The front panel was rotten and had been bodged up with angle iron, it was rotten past the available repair section. EBAY her we come!! Spending months trying to source a good one. Luckily I found a brand new unused one in Hugglescote. I offered the guy £40 & he accepted...woo-hoo...result!! The nearside front wing had a bad crease in it. Again I was lucky and found a new genuine one. Also finding new genuine headlamp panels for both wings. Whilst all of this part finding was taking place 'Plant Pot' as she became during the early days of the strip-down still wasn't sitting right on the front end. I borrowed £1400 off my dad to buy a new galvanized Richards chassis. When waiting three months for the chassis I hunted down a useable back panel for the truck cab, a good second-hand tailgate, new pattern part doors and door tops, and a useable seat-box.









I had decided to spray "Plant Pot" which was a first as I normally brush paint a Land Rover. The panels were proving hard to rub down; layer after layer of the world's hardest paint. Paint stripper and course sanding pads were struggling. In the end I used a wire bush in a 4 1/2 inch grinder to strip all the paint off the front wings, bonnet rear tub, front apron,, truck cab etc,..... this took me weeks to complete. The rear tub and front wings were schults'd underneath prior to etch priming the rest of the metalwork. Again, in an attempt to save money I ordered cheap bronze green paint off EBAY. After half hour of stirring it was never going to be bronze green. But I liked the colour so decided to go with it. I sprayed all the panels and fitted them. Running out of paint for the doors and bonnet, I ordered more of the same paint from the same place which, after stirring, was a completely different green. The people who we use for powder coating attempted to match the green also, it was closer but still a mile out. Getting impatient I used this paint on the doors and bonnet. The wheels and cab roof were next to be painted; the roof was like a washing up bowl...bashing the majority of the dents out and cleaned the wheels down then brush painted them. After another six months or so of completing the hundreds of small jobs "Plant Pot" was now ready for MOT. After 3 years, 3 months of hard continuous saving and graft, she was now on the road although two different colours.

My neighbour asked if I would take their daughter to her Prom in "plant pot" and I gladly accepted. Embarrassed by the two different colours the pressure was on for me to get her one colour. Colour Dynamics in Kettering matched the green; now known as "Plant Pot" green with its own paint code. A friend of mine was going to respray her for me.....I'm still waiting for him to turn up, so I had another go myself. This is now the paint she is wearing. I booked three days off work, shut myself in the garage and managed to turn her into one colour. This giving me a couple of weeks to get her back together ready for the big event.

She was still sitting on the wonk, even on her new chassis, so the springs must be wrong. I ordered a 2nd set of the Britpart springs, again with the same result, sitting down on the drivers side. She would only sit straight if I pushed it level again. About three years ago I went to Ibstock fair, this is where I came across 'Loughborough Land Rover Club'. I explained about my suspension issues and one of the guys pointed me towards GB springs. Borrowing £350 off my Mum I quickly ordered a set..... it was money well spent – she now sits quite level and about an inch higher than normal. She is also sat on 7.50 Deestone tyres, now making her sit higher still.

A couple of years ago my parents suggested I show "Plant Pot" as they attend various steam rallies and said she is worthy of showing off. My first show was Ashby Country Fair where I met Tracey Hodgkiss from the Club. Our second show was Shakerstone Steam Fair, where I came 2nd to a Land Rover which is trailered everywhere. At this point I didn't know it was a judged event so coming 2nd to a Trailer Queen spurred me on to go further with Plant Pot. No prizes for 2nd place!!

First on the agenda was to find a straight roof top. It took a while and £321 later on EBAY I found one in Bronze green. "Plant pot" not being bronze green I decided to paint it limestone. Never spraying synthetic paint before and not knowing what to do, I added a small amount of cellulose thinners then applied three coats....Woo-Hoo.... No runs!! No flatting or polishing – phase 1 complete. Next was to have a set of five matching tyres. "Plant pot" was currently on a mix match of metric tyres. This is when the 7.50 Deestones were purchased. Next came the heatshield on the inlet manifold. Luckily I found a new genuine one. Also fitting a new exhaust manifold at this stage. I've also fitted a stainless exhaust which I had polished at work prior to fitting. Although we haven't had a win yet, I received a 2nd place trophy at Swadlincote this year.









We don't normally have awards and nominations in the same issue, however its been a busy start to the year. Don't worry I'll still be looking after this little bit, lol

- Most Expensive Repair
 - Matt Bird Making an early start at retaining the trophy with a £1800 repair bill already this year
- Most Altered Vehicle
- Most Time Off the Road
- Most Recovered Vehicle
 - Dave Emery Thought it was time to buy a reliable car so invested in a Volvo. Which on the first night of ownership required a jump start
- Dipstick of the Year
 - Dave Emery Ran out of diesel and had to walk a good few miles in order to fetch a top up, only to be reminded about the 5lt stored in the truck.
 - Alex Castledine There was that incident with the trailer number plate (1), however the same weekend he also drove 2.5hr to attend a course only to discover he was a whole day early and had no reservation at the hotel that night (2).



Dates For The Diary

Event	Location	Date	Type
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	7 th Feb	Meet
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	7 th March	Meet
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	4 th April	Meet
Convey For Heroes	TBC	21 st April	Charity Event
Gaydon Land Rover Show	British Motor Museum, Gaydon	11 th & 12 th May	Show with Stand
Pretty Set up 12:00-20:00	Prestwold Hall	18 th May	Charity Event
Pretty Muddy 5k & 10k	Prestwold Hall	19 th May	Charity Event
Green Laning & Social Weekend		24 th -27 th May	Green Laning
Malvern Land Rover Show		2 nd June	Show
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	6 th June	Meet
CRUK Loughborough	Loughborough Town Centre	9 th June	Charity event
Charnwood Cruisers Show	Loughborough Town Centre	16 th June	Show with Stand
Simply Land Rover	Beaulieu	23 rd June	Show
Billing Show	Billing Off Road Experience	28 th - 30 th June	Show
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	4 th July	Meet
CRUK Leicester	Vicky Park	7 th July	Charity Event
Kelmarsh Show	Kelmarsh Hall	27 th - 28 th July	Show with Stand
Beaumanor Hall	Woodhouse Eves	28 th July	Show with Stand
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	1 st August	Meet
Town Picnic	Ellistown	5 th August	Car Parking
Wicked Hathern Fest	Hathern	9 th - 11 th August	Stand and Car Parking
lbstock	Ibstock Rec	18 th August TBC	Show with Stand
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	5 th September	Meet
Peterborough	Peterborough Showground	14 th - 15 th September	Show with Stand
Hathern Fireworks	Hathern	2 nd November	Car Parking
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	7 th November	Meet
Great British Land Rover Show	Stoneleigh Park	?24 th November	Show
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	5 th December	Meet
Christmas Dinner	TBC - Can't say we did not warn you	7 th December	Social
Christmas Green Lane outing	TBC	Between XMAS and NY	Green Laning
Club Night	Burton-on-the-Wolds	2 nd January 2019	AGM & Awards

Throughout the year there will also be some green laning days, if you would like to attend a green laning day please watch out for updates on Facebook or speak to Dave Emery, Green Laning Rep.





Merchandise Price List

Description	Available Sizes	Page Number	Item Code	Price (£)
Mens T-Shirt	S - 5XL	33	GD005	£ 5.00
Ladies T-Shirt	S - 2XL	33	GD006	£ 5.00
Childrens T-Shirt	Ages 3-15	417	SS088	£ 5.00
Mens Polo Shirt	S - 2XL	111	GD038	£ 7.50
Ladies Polo Shirt	S - 2XL	111	GD047	£ 10.00
Adult Hooded Sweatshirt	S - 2XL	187	SS824	£ 15.00
Childrens Hooded Sweatshirt	Ages 3-12	410	J575B	£ 12.50
Mens Full Zip Fleece	S - 4XL	705	RG138	£ 12.50
Ladies Full Zip Fleece	10 - 20	705	RG140	£ 12.50
Mens Half Zip Fleece	S - 2XL	705	RG134	£ 10.00
Ladies Half Zip Fleece	10 - 20	705	RG139	£ 10.00
Micro Fleece Body Warmer	S - 2XL	704	RG185	£ 12.50
Adult Dover Jacket	XXS - 4XL	791	RG045	£ 25.00
Soft Shell Jacket	XS - 3XL	743	R133X	£ 32.50
Knitted Thinsulate Hat	One Size	853	BC447	£ 5.00
Grand Prix Cap	One Size	829	BC159	£ 5.00

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